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B. BANGKOK A-94 APR 6

1. CONCUR THAT FULL- FLEDGED MILADS CONFERENCE NOT NECESSARY. MOST IMPORTANT MATTER BEFORE MILADS RELATES TO FUTURE OF MPO AND WE ARE OF OPINION THAT THIS DOES NOT REQUIRE MILADS CONFERENCE OR EVEN SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING BUT RATHER CAN MOST APPROPRIATELY BE ADDRESSED BY CONVEYING NATIONAL VIEWS TO SEC GEN IN CONNECTION HIS OVERALL SEATO REVIEW. MOREOVER, NOT HOLDING MILADS CONFERENCE WOULD SERVE PURPOSE OF ACCORDING LOWER PROFILE TO SEATO AS A WHOLE AND, IN PARTICULAR, REDUCING EMPHASIS ON ITS MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH AUSTRALIAN/ NEW ZEALAND WISHES.

2. WE THINK IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR MILITARY SUBCOMMITTEES CONVEIN IN BANGKOK AFTER 18 TH COUNCIL MEETING DECISIONS ON FUTURE MPO IN ORDER AFFORD THEM OPPORTUNITY IRON OUT IMPLICATIONS OF CHANGED MPO ROLE (THIS HAS BEEN
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SUGGESTED BY NEW ZEALAND MILAD). IN GENERAL, WE SEE MERIT IN YOUR SUGGESTION OF SUBSTITUTING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MILAD CONFERENCE WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

3. AGREE THAT MILITARY PARTICIPATION IN COUNCIL MEETING IN NEW YORK SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO CMPO AND MILADS IN ORDER ADVISE SECGEN AND RESPECTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS AS MAY BE NEEDED ON FUTURE ROLE OF MPO. HOWEVER, IN EVENT SOME ACTIVE MEMBERS DO NOT DESIRE SEND MILADS (E. G. , AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND), THEN IT MIGHT BE PREFERABLE NOT HAVE ANY MILAD PARTICIPATION IN ORDER NOT HIGHLIGHT LACK OF SEATO SOLIDARITY. IN ANY EVENT, MILADS REPORT COULD BE APPROVED OUT- OF- SESSION AND CONVEYED TO COUNCIL BY SECGEN.

4. WE APPRECIATE CINCPAC SOLICITING EMBASSY VIEWS THIS MATTER AND ASSUME THAT JCS WILL COORDINATE FINAL POSITION WITH STATE. WE ALSO ASSUME SIMILAR WASHINGTON COORDINATION WITH RESPECT TO ANY COMMENTS CINCPAC AND/ OR JCS MAY HAVE REGARDING SECGEN' S IN- HOUSE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF MPO STRUCTURE AND ROLE. YOUR ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO BANGKOK' S A-94 OF APRIL 6 WHICH OUTLINES THE SECGEN' S PLANNED REVIEW OF SEATO AND THE US COUNCIL REP' S PRELIMINARY COMMENTS THEREON .
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